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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In May 2005, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **seven (7) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 7 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ Simplicity Inc is recalling Cribs. #05-164
- ❖ Fisher-Price is recalling Pogo Sticks. #05-167
- ❖ Fisher-Price is recalling Push Toys. #05-168
- ❖ Dollar General Corp is recalling Metal Heart-Shaped Pendants. #05-171
- ❖ Pamela Drake Inc is recalling Wooden Push Toys. #05-172
- ❖ Delta Enterprise Corp. is recalling Lov's Pacifiers. #05-173
- ❖ Summit Marketing International LLC is recalling Children's Folding Chairs for repair. #05-181

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: 05-164 Simplicity Inc., of Reading, Pa is voluntarily recalling about 575 White Lancaster Cribs. The recalled cribs are made of wood and painted white. Model numbers 8554W-PT and 8554WW are printed inside the headboard and on the envelope attached to the mattress support. The Simplicity name, address, manufacturing date and model number are written on a label found on the inside bottom of the headboard. They were sold at department stores, children's product stores and Target.com from June 2004 through April 2005 for about \$200. They were manufactured in Indonesia.

Problem: The white paint on the cribs can chip, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should contact Simplicity Inc. to receive a refund. Call Simplicity Inc. at (800) 858-8323 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the Web site at www.simplicityforchildren.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05164.html>

Release Number: 05-167 Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 154,000 Fisher-Price® Grow-To-Pro® Pogo Sticks. The recalled Grow-To-Pro® Pogo sticks are traditional pogo sticks with a round, removable base, two foot pegs and handles and the words "Grow to Pro Pogo" stamped on the front of the product. They come in two colors: green (model number 73386) and pink (model number 77356). The model number can be found underneath the pogo stick's foot pegs. This recall includes green pogo sticks manufactured through August 1, 2004, and all pink pogo sticks. Green pogo sticks

manufactured after August 1, 2004, are not included in this recall and are marked with a round, green sticker underneath the foot peg. Pink pogo sticks are no longer manufactured. They were sold at discount department and toy stores nationwide from January 2002 through August 2004 for between \$25 and \$30 and manufactured in China.

Problem: An internal metal pin can wear down, causing the pogo sticks to remain stuck in the down position and release unexpectedly, posing a risk of fall or facial impact injuries to children.

What to do: Consumers should take the products away from children immediately and contact Fisher-Price to receive a free replacement pogo stick. Contact Fisher-Price at (800) 991-2444 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at www.service.fisher-price.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05167.html>

Release Number: 05-168 Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 54,000 Fisher-Price Lil' Wagster Dragster push toys. The recalled Lil' Wagster Dragster toy is an electronic push toy for children 1-year-old and up. It has a green race car base with red wheels and a blue handle that extends up for the child to hold. The words "Fisher-Price" are stamped in red on the handle unit, while the number "3" is stamped in yellow on the front of the race car base. The push toy has a model number of B0335, which is printed on the underside of the toy's race car base. They were sold at discount department stores and toy stores nationwide from December 2002 through February 2005 for about \$13 and manufactured in Mexico.

Problem: A young child's chin, jaw, and teeth can get lodged in the opening at the top of the push toy's round-shaped handle and incur injuries.

What to do: Consumers should take the recalled push toys away from young children immediately and contact Fisher-Price to receive a repair kit and installation instructions. Contact Fisher-Price at (800) 991-2444 anytime or log on to the firm's Web site at www.service.fisher-price.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05168.html>

Release Number: 05-Dollar General Corp., of Goodlettsville, Tenn. is voluntarily recalling about 80,000 Heart-Shaped Pendants. The heart-shaped pendant is silver-colored, ribbed on the front, hollow on the back, and hangs on a pink suede cord with a silver-colored clasp. Dollar General stores sold them nationwide from May 2003 through April 2005 for about \$1. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The recalled heart-shaped pendant contains high levels of lead, posing a serious risk of lead poisoning to young children. Lead poisoning in children is associated with behavioral problems, learning disabilities, hearing problems and growth retardation.

What to do: Consumers should take these necklaces away from children immediately and return them to Dollar General stores for a refund. Contact Dollar General at (800) 678-9258 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at www.dollargeneral.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05171.html>

Release Number: 05-172 Pamela Drake Inc., of Emeryville, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 7,000 Lemon Meringue Wooden Push Toys. The recall includes six different multi-colored, solid wooden push toys, including an airplane, tractor, dump truck, fire truck, and a two-piece circus train with train cars and a tow truck with family van. The vehicles are constructed with a bendable flap that allows the toys to "wobble" back and forth. The dump truck, circus train with train cars and tow truck with family van have white magnets on the front and back to hold the push toys together. All the toys have rubber rings on the tires. The recalled push toys are intended for children 12 months and older. There is no writing on the push toys. Toy and hobby stores sold them nationwide from February 2005 through March 2005 for between \$15 and \$24. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: Small parts can break off posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take these recalled push toys away from young children and return the toys to Pamela Drake Inc. or their local retailer for a full refund. Call Pamela Drake Inc. at (800) 966-3762 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.woodkins.com



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05172.html>

Release Number: 05-173 Delta Enterprise Corp is voluntarily recalling about 180,000 Lov's Decorated Orthodontic Pacifiers. The recalled pacifier measures about 2-1/4 inches in width and 1-1/2 inches in length and has button or hinged handles. The pacifiers are white with various colored handles. Designs are imprinted on some pacifier shields. One pacifier shield is decorated with a pink elephant, a purple giraffe with green polka dots, a blue lion with yellow fur and a blue cloud and yellow sun. Another pacifier shield has blue stars with Santa shapes. The amber colored nipple, imprinted with the words "caoui," "chouc" and "pur," is about 1-1/8 inches long. "Lov 2-Pack," "Decorated Orthodontic Pacifier," and "97705" are printed on the front packaging of the pacifiers. "Delta Enterprise Corp., Brooklyn NY 11212 Made in Thailand" is printed on the package back. Small retail stores sold them from November 2001 through December 2004 for about \$1. They were manufactured in Thailand.

Problem: The pacifiers are banned under federal law. They failed federal safety tests when the nipples separated from the base. This poses a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should discard the pacifiers and contact the firm for instructions on how to obtain a refund or replacement product. Contact Delta Enterprise's Pacifier Hotline at (800) 377-3777 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.deltaenterprise.com/recall.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05173.html>

Release Number: 05-181 Summit Marketing International LLC, of Dublin, Ohio The recalled children's folding chairs are made of metal tubing with a padded seat. They were sold in red, blue, yellow and green colors either individually or as part of a set consisting of a table and two, four, or six chairs. Each chair is about 22-inches high, 10-inches wide, and about

11-inches deep. "MANUFACTURED BY ZHANGZHOU STEEL TUBE FURNITURE FACTORY" is written on a label underneath the seat of the chairs. They were sold at hardware, discount department, toy, grocery and drug stores nationwide from September 2002 through May 2005 for about \$10 individually and for about \$45 for a set and manufactured in China.

Problem: The chair's safety lock can fail, allowing the chair to collapse or fold unexpectedly. Children's fingers can become caught or entrapped in the hinge and slot areas of the chair, posing a pinch or cut hazard. This can cause severe lacerations and finger tip amputations to children's fingers.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the chairs immediately, and contact Summit for instructions on how to receive a repair kit to replace the locking pin. Consumers should call Summit toll-free at (866) 270-6275 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05181.html>

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